



APTA Committee on High-Speed and Intercity Passenger Rail

Marriott Marquis Times Square

Shubert Room, 6th Floor

Sunday, October 13, 2019

7:30 – 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Welcome: **Al Engel**, Chair
- II. Self-introductions
- III. Minutes from June 23, 2019 Meeting in Toronto, ON
- IV. Remarks from APTA Leadership
- V. Legislative opportunities for high performance intercity passenger rail in the 116th Congress, **Ward McCarragher**, APTA Vice President, Government Affairs
- VI. Sixth HSR Policy Forum – December 4, 2019 (Session Topics/Discussion/Promotion) - **Melanie K. Johnson/Norman Forde**
- VII. Discussion of Multi-Day Conference (April 7-9, 2021, in Philadelphia) Summary of HS&IPR Committee survey and next steps
- VIII. Notes from Joint Meeting with APTA/AASHTO/TRB at the National Meeting of the AASHTO Rail Council, Hartford, CT, September 16-19, 2019 - **Anna Barry/Karen Hedlund**
- IX. Federal Railroad Administration remarks – **Peter E. Cipriano**, Special Assistant to the FRA Administrator
- X. ROI Study Next Steps – **Charlie Quandel/Art Guzzetti**
- XI. Passenger Rail and Energy Efficiency Roundtable: **Jeff Wharton**, Discussion Leader
 - **Nick Sifuentes**, Tri-State Transportation Campaign (Regional Plan Association), New York, NY
 - **Shruti Vaidyanathan**, American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, Washington, DC
 - **Ramon Cruz**, Sierra Club Board of Directors; Institute for Transportation and Development Policy, Oakland, CA



XII. Rebranding High-Speed Rail in the United States - *Don Leidy/Karen Philbrick*

- Is there a need for a better understanding of high-speed rail and the benefits it brings? Which stakeholder group?
- Is there a need to rebrand high-speed rail?
- Is there a complementary term to be used to refer to the broader family of higher-performing passenger rail services?

XIII. Subcommittee Reports:

- **Legislative Subcommittee:** *Karen Hedlund*
- **Membership Development:** *Anna Barry*
- **Partnerships and Outreach Subcommittee:** *Jeff Wharton, Eric Peterson, Dominic Spaethling*
- **Program Subcommittee:** *Melanie K. Johnson, Norman Forde*
- **Regional Corridors Subcommittee:** *Michael McLaughlin, Eric Peterson*
- **Technology Subcommittee:** *Connie Crawford, James Michel*
- **Regulatory Subcommittee:** *James Michel*
- **Communications and Publications Subcommittee:** *Ken Sislak, Eric Peterson*
- **Economics and Funding Subcommittee:** *Sharon Greene, Sasha Page, Charlie Quandel, Eric Peterson*
- **International Subcommittee:** *Peter Gertler, Norman Forde, Melanie K. Johnson*

XIV. Roundtable: Industry Updates and Information-sharing

XV. Other Business

XVI. Next Meeting, Sunday, March 15, 2020 – in conjunction with APTA 2020 Legislative Conference, Washington, DC

XVII. Adjourn